

CLAIM SUMMARY

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Drive~~ A drive for a sliding door or swinging-sliding door of a rail vehicle, ~~having a guide rail (1) fixed with respect to the rail vehicle, on which guide rail a carriage (2) is longitudinally displaceably and optionally rotatably arranged, which carriage (2) carries a door leaf, and having a spindle drive whose spindle (3) extends parallel to the guide rail (1) and whose spindle nut (4) is fixedly connected with the carriage (2) in the direction of the axis (13) of the spindle (3);~~
~~characterized in that the connection between the spindle nut (4) and the carriage (2) takes place by means of a sliding hinge joint (7, 8, 10) which permits a relative rotating movement as well as a displacing movement in the joint area comprising:~~

_____ a guide rail fixed with respect to the rail vehicle;
_____ a carriage longitudinally displaceably on the guide rail and carrying a door leaf;
_____ a spindle drive including a spindle which extends parallel to the guide rail and a spindle nut which is fixedly connected with the carriage in the direction of the axis of the spindle; and
_____ the connection between the spindle nut and the carriage includes a sliding hinge joint which permits a relative rotating movement as well as a displacing movement in the joint area.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Drive~~ The drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the spindle nut (4) has radially projecting ends (10) which are constructed in a ~~clawlike manner, and interact with an abutment (7) of the carriage (2).~~

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Drive~~ The drive according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the abutment (7) ~~consists of~~ includes a bolt extending parallel to the guide rail (11).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Drive~~ The drive according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 to 3, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein mutually facing surfaces of the components of the sliding hinge joint (7-10), which extend in a normal manner with respect perpendicular to the guide

rail (1), have a distance from one another which is closed by shims.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Drive~~ The drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sliding hinge joint (7-10) ~~has a~~ includes the spindle nut (4) and a cover (9) which is slidable with respect to the spindle nut in a plane ~~normal~~ perpendicular to the axis (13) of the spindle ~~and carries the ends (10).~~

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Drive~~ The drive according to Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ the wherein ends of the cover (10) have passage holes parallel to the axis (13) of the spindle (3), ~~through which and~~ a bolt extends through the passage holes and holes the carriage is ~~fitted which forms the abutment (7).~~

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Drive~~ The drive according to ~~one of Claims 5 or 6,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover consists of a piece of sheet metal and is bent around the spindle nut.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Drive~~ The drive according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spindle nut has ribs (15) in planes ~~normal with respect~~ perpendicular to the axis (13) of the spindle, which ribs (15) project into indentations or holes (16) of the cover (9).

9. (New) The drive according to claim 2, wherein the radially projecting ends of the nut are claw shaped.